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## Georgia Southern Division of Continuing Education welcomes new director

August 13, 2019

The Georgia Southern University Division of Continuing Education has named Diane Badakhsh, Ed.D., as its new director. Prior to joining the division, Badakhsh served as the director of Continuing and Professional Education at the University of North Carolina Wilmington.

"I am excited about being at a university with Georgia Southern's reputation for academic excellence and personal attention and to lead a division with the sole purpose of connecting the resources of the university with the needs of the community," Badakhsh said. "Continuing education is for everyone and is a lifelong endeavor."

Badakhsh holds a doctorate in educational leadership with a focus on higher education from the University of North Carolina Wilmington. She is also a licensed professional counselor, certified employee assistance professional and a certified program planner. Her specializations include needs assessments for business and industry, succession planning, budget development and management, and strategic planning.

## Wilson named to board of directors for United States Center for Coaching Excellence

August 13, 2019



Charles "Hal" Wilson Jr.

Charles "Hal" Wilson Jr., associate professor in the Department of Health Sciences and Kinesiology, was elected in June to serve on the Board of Directors of the United States Center for Coaching Excellence (USCCE). Wilson will serve a three-year term in the role of Accredited Program Representative Board Member.

"I am excited to be joining the Board of Directors of USCCE, to learn from the current board members, to represent all of the nationally accredited programs and to help further the USCCE mission of strengthening the quality of coach development systems," said Wilson.

USCCE is a national nonprofit organization dedicated to elevating and enhancing the professions of sport coaching, coach education and coach development.

Georgia Southern University's undergraduate minor and master's degree programs in coaching are both nationally accredited by the National Committee for Accreditation of Coaching Education.

## Former meteorologist to be speaker at inaugural community lecture series on Armstrong Campus

August 13, 2019

Former WTOC meteorologist Pat Prokop will be leading the first-ever Evening at Armstrong community lecture event, hosted by the Georgia Southern University Division of Continuing Education, on Sept. 12 from 6 to 7:30 p.m. at the Armstrong Center. Tickets are \$20.



*Pat Prokop*

"The Weather and World Beyond," will offer attendees a trip through tropical weather, climate change and the awe-inspiring images of the cosmos one can capture in their own backyard. This presentation invites attendees to engage with the world around them in a more thoughtful way.

"I am honored to share my thoughts and my experiences of local weather and the tropical storm season, and I'm excited to share views of the heavens," Prokop said. "It's amazing what's out there in a sky near you."

In addition to serving as a meteorologist for over 20 years in the Savannah area, Prokop is an avid gardener and an amateur astrophotographer, who uses his telescope to take photos of

nearby celestial bodies.

Prokop's interest and study of climate change began during his tenure as a graduate student at Saint Louis University's School of Meteorology in 1975. Since, he has dedicated himself to finding greener, more sustainable energy solutions.

Those interested in registering or learning about other upcoming lectures in the monthly Evening at Armstrong series, please visit [GeorgiaSouthern.edu/conted/armstrongevening](https://GeorgiaSouthern.edu/conted/armstrongevening).

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